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SUBJECT: NEW IRANIAN MILITARY AID TO OMAN

REF: STATE 104425; TEHRAN 4027

1. SENIOR IIAF OFFICER ON MAY 22 INFORMALLY AND PRIVATELY DISCUSSED WITH MISSION OFFICER GOI PLANNING FOR SENDING AIRCRAFT TO OMAN. IIAF OFFICER SAID SHAH HAD NOT REACHED DEFINITE DECISION ON INCREASED MILITARY AID TO OMAN. IF SHAH APPROVED PRELIMINARY PLANS AS PRESENTLY FORMULATED, IRAN WOULD SEND ONE SQUADRON OF F-5AS (16 AIRCRAFT) TO MIDWAY BASE SOMETIME AROUND SEPTEMBER. BRITISH, WHO ARE NOW CONSTRUCTING LANDING STRIP AT MIDWAY, HAVE SAID IT WILL BE READY BY THAT TIME. IF AIRCRAFT WERE MOVED TO OMAN, THEY WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED IRANIAN GROUND FORCES. SHAH WAS CONVINCED THAT DETERMINED EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO FINISH OFF REBELLION IN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME, IIAF OFFICER SAID, AND IRANIANS WOULD BE USED TO BLOCK MAIN PASS FROM PDRY.

2. OFFICER SAID IIAF WAS NOT THINKING OF USING MASIRAH BASE FOR F-5S.

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